



**Texas Department of Public Safety  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
State Situation Report**

<b>Event Name</b>	Tropical System Harvey
<b>Date</b>	September 24, 2017
<b>Time</b>	7 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	7 AM 09/23/17 – 7 AM 09/24/17
<b>Report Number</b>	33

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3 and 6
<b>DDC's Active</b>	4B, 15, 16B and 20

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Residents continue to return to their communities to assess their losses. Evacuees that were transported out of the affected areas to the safety of shelters are being transferred to shelters closer to home, to allow them to start the recovery process. FEMA has established Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in the affected communities to assist the survivors of this historic incident.

Governor Abbott extended the proclamation suspending Hotel and Motel Tax during Harvey Recovery on September 21, 2017 for a period of 30 days beginning September 23, 2017 and ending on October 23, 2017.

Governor Abbott renewed the disaster proclamation for all 60 counties on September 20, 2017.

The President has amended the federal declaration for the State of Texas to provide additional disaster assistance available to the state. This increases federal funding for Public Assistance projects as a result of Hurricane Harvey beginning on August 23, 2017, and continuing.

President Trump has amended the Texas Disaster Declaration to make additional disaster assistance available to the State of Texas. This action authorizes 90% Federal cost share for debris removal, and 100% Federal cost share for emergency protective measures for 30 days from the start of the incident period and then a 90% cost share thereafter.

Governor Abbott has issued a suspension of specific vehicle titling and registration requirements for the next 45 days in the 58 counties specified in the state's disaster declaration. As a consequence, vehicle titling and registration expirations are suspended in order to relieve that burden upon Texans. Law enforcement will not issue citations for expired registration in all affected counties until October 16, 2017.

Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces,

Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Trinity, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson.

Governor Abbott requested and was approved for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the following counties: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties for Individual Assistance and assistance with debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Bexar, Dallas, Tarrant and Travis counties are eligible for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Public Assistance (Categories C-G) including Direct Federal Assistance have been added to FEMA-4332-DR-TX for Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton Counties.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Sheltering and temporary housing.
2. Debris removal.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### **Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)**

**DDC 4B Garland** EOC is at Level III. Discussions are ongoing with Orange County officials on the repopulation of evacuees. The district will maintain two shelters until repopulation can be completed.

#### **Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Pierce)**

**DDC 14 Lufkin:** Continuing to support recovery operations.

**Jasper/Newton/Sabine County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the counties of Jasper and Newton.

**Polk County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Livingston.

**DDC 15 Beaumont:** EOC is at Level III.

**Hardin County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Sour Lake.

**Jefferson County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Beaumont and Port Arthur.

**City of Beaumont:** EOC is at Level III.

**City of Port Arthur:** EOC is at Level III.

**Orange County:** EOC is at Level III.

**DDC 16A Houston**

**Chambers County:** EOC is at Level III.

**Harris County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has nine DRCs open in Harris County.

**City of Houston:** EOC is at a Level III.

**DDC 16B Texas City:** EOC is at Level III.

**Brazoria County:** EOC is at Level II. City of Richwood's curfew remains in effect from 10 PM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Oyster Bay.

**Galveston County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Dickinson and League City.

**DDC 16C Conroe**

**Montgomery County:** FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Magnolia and Conroe.

**Waller County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Brookshire.

**DDC 16D Pierce**

**Colorado County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Columbus.

**Fort Bend County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Katy, Missouri City, and Simonton.

**Matagorda County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in Bay City.

**Wharton County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Wharton.

**Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi:** EOC is at Level III with only day time operations.

**Aransas County:** EOC is at Level III. Aransas Pass curfew from 11 PM to 6 AM. A Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT) arrived, beginning operations assisting the county and local governments with recovery.

**Nueces County:** EOC is at Level III. City of Port Aransas curfew remains in effect from 12 AM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Port Aransas.

**Refugio County:** The curfew continues from 10 PM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Refugio.

**San Patricio County:** EOC at Level II. The Cities of Ingleside and Aransas Pass curfew was lifted. FEMA has a DRC open in Ingleside.

**Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 17, and 18)**

**DDC 12 Austin:** Continuing to support recovery operations. FEMA has DRCs open in the counties of Bastrop and Fayette.

**DDC 17 Victoria:** FEMA has DRCs open in the counties of Calhoun, Goliad, Jackson and Victoria.

**Shelters Activated:**

County	# of Shelters	Population as of September 24, 2017 as of 7 AM
Brazoria	2	61
Dallas	2	185
Galveston	1	15
Hardin	1	15
Harris	6	1,061
Jefferson	2	379
Liberty	2	15
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,731</b>

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS  
STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
DSHS	Mortuary Trailer	1	Assigned	Nueces County
DPS	THP	260	Activated	Various
DPS	CID/ICT	47	Activated	Various
SBTC	DOC IMT	1	Activated	Tarrant
SBTC	Childcare Unit	1	Activated	Dallas
SBTC	Feeding Unit	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	4	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Kubota RTV	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Chaplains	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	IMT	4	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Support Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Feeding Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	2	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Childcare Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Travis County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Liberty County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	1	Activated	Liberty County

SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Generator	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
TMD	SOC Military Desk Team MRP (A-00-25359-4818)	2	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Intake Cell Support Team (A-00-25359-4814)	8	Assigned	Austin
TMD	POD Operations	41	Assigned	South
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1	Assigned	Corpus Christi,
TMD	SUS HQ (JRSOI)	5	Assigned	Austin
TMD	TEOC	4	Assigned	Camp Mabry
TMD	J1	12	Assigned	Camp Mabry
TMD	Reconsolidation J1/J4	15	Assigned	Camp Mabry
HHSC	SOC-Ops (DADS, DFPS)	1	Activated	Austin
HHSC	SOC-Ops (HHSC)	1	Activated	Austin
HHSC	DFPS	6	Activated	Houston
TFS	TFS Personnel	33	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS	54	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Engines	15	Activated	Various
TABC	Peace Officers	20	Assigned	Houston NRG
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	27	Assigned	Harris County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	12	Assigned	Aransas County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	3	Assigned	Montgomery County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	5	Assigned	City of Seadrift

**Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC):** Continuing to assist the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Constable Precinct One Office at the NRG Center in Houston maintaining perimeter security and access control.

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):** TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) in all 39 counties under FEMA's disaster declaration. Individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by Hurricane Harvey who live in, work in, or travel through these counties can submit applications for DUA through October 31, 2017. People in affected areas can apply for unemployment benefits due to Hurricane Harvey or learn about Disaster Unemployment Benefits through TWC's website at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance> or call a Tele-Center at 800-939-6631 and speak to a customer service representative. Tele-Centers are open over the weekend from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day and during the week from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Cumulative August 25, 2017 through September 20, 2017, TWC has processed 137,912 disaster-related unemployment insurance claims.

Additional information for job seekers and employers affected by Hurricane Harvey is available at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/hurricane-harvey-resources>.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has 33 responders assisting in various roles related to the Hurricane Harvey.

Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) is providing local fire trucks and firefighters to support state emergency response operations. The program is currently staffing 54 firefighters with 15 fire engines from across the state.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ and agency partners of the Natural Disaster Operational Workgroup (NDOW) are conducting orphan container recovery, drinking water and waste water on-site assessments, hazard evaluations, and oil discharge assessments.

As of September 22, 2017, there are 45 public water systems (PWS) with boil water notices (BWN). A total of six PWS and nine wastewater treatment (WW) plants are currently inoperable. TCEQ has placed regulatory guidance along with PWS and Wastewater operational status on the TCEQ Webpage located at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes>

TCEQ continues to receive and review temporary debris management sites for authorizations. Currently, 166 sites have been approved.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Currently has 260 personnel activated. General security duties in all affected area preventing and detecting looting and other crimes. DPS Personnel from the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Division and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) continue to assist in the affected area by providing general security, response to local agency calls, traffic direction and escorts of maintenance and other critical personnel as needed. THP is assisting HHSC with traffic control at various locations that are distributing D-SNAP benefits to persons in affected counties. DPS is demobilizing outside personnel as local agency needs continue to diminish. Texas Division of Emergency Management State and District Coordinators throughout the state have been deployed to different jurisdictions for mission support.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** As of September 21, 2017, Texas local jurisdictions have received 41,375 doses of Tdap/Td/Tetanus, 6,820 doses of HepA, 150 doses of HepB, and 3,970 doses of influenza vaccine to distribute to first responders and the general public.

Four hospitals or healthcare facilities in the Beaumont, Corpus Christi, and Houston areas remain closed. Care Regional Hospital in Aransas Pass (Corpus Christi Region) and East Houston Regional Medical Center in Houston will remain closed indefinitely as a result of damage sustained due to flooding. Two hospitals or healthcare facilities in Houston are on internal disaster status. Eleven dialysis centers are closed in Beaumont/Port Arthur, Corpus Christi, and Houston.

One mortuary trailer remains deployed in Nueces County and is expected to remain long term.

DSHS is collecting data and looking at which actionable items need to be implemented in the areas of vector control, vaccines, mental health services, shelter surveillance and environmental health.

The Vector Control Team in the SMOC is coordinating ongoing aerial vector control efforts in targeted areas. Aerial vector control spraying operations occurred during the last operational period in the following counties: Galveston, Jackson, Montgomery, Polk, and San Jacinto. Federal aerial spraying support concluded operations on September 22, 2017. The remaining 17,000 acres will be sprayed by DSHS vector control contracts.

**Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC):** Regulatory Division is coordinating with evacuated and impacted Licensed Long Term Care facilities. Additional disaster food relief has been extended to 12 additional counties: Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Goliad, Hardin, Lee and Walker. Processed assistance for 5,225 families (18,277 total).

**Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS)** is coordinating communication with evacuated and impacted regulated facilities and conservatorship families.

Texas will offer Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to residents in Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Nueces, Polk, Refugio and San Patricio counties starting September 18/19, 2017 in addition to the 11 initial counties previously announced. Texas is now offering residents greater flexibility to apply in counties that are not necessarily their counties of residence. If families have been displaced from one of the 18 counties receiving D-SNAP and cannot travel back to their home county, they can go to any local HHSC benefits office across the state to apply for D-SNAP during the dates designated for their counties.

For information on all 18 currently approved D-SNAP sites, go to [www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap](http://www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap) to find days and hours of operation.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** Established a telephone hotline for parents in the Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Houston and Victoria areas to receive information regarding public education for students affected by Hurricane Harvey. Parents can get information on public education options for their student by calling (512) 463-9603. The hotline is designed to assist families with questions about where to enroll children in school. They are staffed from 8 AM to 5 PM daily, including weekends.

TEA Website Resources Related to Hurricane Recovery

Hurricane Harvey Resources for Parents: <http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyParentResources/>

Dealing with Disasters: Frequently Asked Questions:  
[http://tea.texas.gov/About\\_TEA/Other\\_Services/Weather\\_and\\_Disaster/Dealing\\_with\\_Disasters\\_Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Other_Services/Weather_and_Disaster/Dealing_with_Disasters_Frequently_Asked_Questions/)

Hurricane Harvey Resources for School Systems: <http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyResources/>

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to work with their federal, state and local partners from the JFO in response to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Debris removal operations continue to expand in the impacted areas; to remove debris in the Cities of Bay City, Palacios, Rockport, Seadrift and in Aransas, Harris, Jefferson, Montgomery Counties. Crews from all but four TxDOT Districts are currently involved.

12 Debris Strike Teams from across the state are continuing to perform debris removal in Aransas County and the cities of Rockport and Aransas Pass, while contract crews continued to work on the State Highway system in the area. Work to enlarge debris dump sites was also performed by TxDOT crews. Nearly 200 TxDOT personnel will be directly involved in the removal of debris in Aransas County.

TxDOT Debris Strike Teams are removing debris in Montgomery County. Saturday, 27 TxDOT Debris Strike Teams continued debris removal operations in Harris County.

Local TxDOT staff have completed agreements with the Cities of: Seadrift, Palacios, Bay City, Houston and Jefferson County and Debris Removal Operations will begin on September 25, 2017 inside the city limits and county boundaries. The measurement of equipment by the monitoring contractors is taking place, and relief debris strike teams are preparing to deploy. All of these operations will be engaged on September 25, 2017.

Contract crews continue debris removal operations in Victoria and Calhoun Counties.

In the impacted areas, two segments of roadway remain closed due to flooding while 7 segments remain closed due to damage.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD is continuing to maintain assigned missions while remaining TMD elements are conducting out-processing and demobilization. TMD is currently operating throughout the state, focused in Disaster Districts 12 and 20.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers are continuing response with calls for service and security patrols in affected areas. Tasking of these activities is being filled by locally-stationed officers who are working closely with local officials to determine needs. Focus remains strongest in DDCs 14, 15, and 16, specifically Brazoria and Newton Counties. Officers in the Port Aransas and Rockport areas continue with welfare checks and security patrols.

Response efforts to date have resulted in the combined rescue of 11,212 persons. TPWD is currently housing 84 evacuees in eight State Parks. Locally assigned State Park Police Officers are being tasked with evacuee management as needed.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of 8 AM on September 12, 2017. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*

*<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>*

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